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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO**NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed October 19, 2007.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the Appendix.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.